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- During the first two weeks of November Nela Martines, prominent woman Communist leader in Equador, toured the province of Loja with several local Party members. She made numerous public speeches and contacted district Party chiefs in an effort to coordinate their work with the Central Committee in Quito. She also contacted Edelberto Espinoza Sigoho and Duval Veintimilla, officials of the Union Democratica Universitaria, a Communist-dominated organization of the University of Loja, and Dr. Ignacio Jaramillo, President of the Workers' Federation.
- 2. The over-all purpose of the trip was to stimulate better organization of the workers in the Loja area. The largest group in this section is at the South American Development Company in Portovelo. Martinez used the usual "nationalistic" line in speaking to the workers and stressed the fact that no foreign company should be allowed to operate on Ecuadoran soil.
- 3. For any discussion of Communist activities, Nela Martinez advised source that Braulic Carrion, Marcelo Zambrano, or Gustavo Romero Aguilar could be contacted with complete confidence in the Loja region; Miguel Angel Ochoa, or Miguel Angel Valladares in the Cuenca area; or Carolina Gomez de la Torre, or Manuel Rivas in Quito.

